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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR PROVIDING AN
EXTENSIBLE FILE SYSTEM FOR ACCESSING A FOREIGN FILE
SYSTEM FROM A LOCAL DATA PROCESSING SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment, filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), is submitted in response to a final office action dated May 27, 2004 ("Final Office Action"), in which the Examiner rejected pending claims as anticipated (35 U.S.C. §102) or obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. On Tuesday, October 26th, the attorney for applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview and discussed some proposed amendments to the independent claims. The Examiner indicated that the proposed amendments would likely overcome the anticipation rejection, but that she would need to do further searching before deciding whether to allow the case. Applicants submit herein the amendments to claims 1, 10, and 19 discussed during the phone interview. Applicants traverse the rejections with respect to the amended claims, add claims 28-36, and submit that all pending claims are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.
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